

Greer Middle College Charter High School First Annual Bass Fishing Bonanza

The following rules are designed to promote sportsmanship among the anglers and to provide a fair competition. Failure to comply with any rules may result in a weight penalty or disqualification from the tournament.

- 1) All SC DNR fishing rules and regulations apply during tournaments, including fishing license and boating regulations.
- 2) All school rules apply during fishing tournaments.
- 3) Anglers must be age 11-18 and be a member of a club that is registered with DNR.
- 4) Blast-off order will be determined by blind draw when teams sign in.
- 5) Safety is the number one concern for these tournaments. All boats must be operated safely at all times. Coast Guard approved PFD's must be worn anytime the combustion engine is running. The boat must have an emergency ignition shut-off device that is secured to the driver/captain's body. Boats must also be covered by currant liability insurance.
- 6) One captain over the age of 18 is required to be on each team's boat at all times during the tournament. Captains should advise anglers on boat safety and sportsmanship, and may give anglers fishing advice including locations, techniques, etc. Captains may net fish, but are not permitted to fish during the tournaments.
- 7) Club tournaments will have a 5 fish per boat limit. All fish must be largemouth, spotted, redeye, or smallmouth bass that are at least 12" in length. Teams should not possess more than 5 fish at any time during the tournament. Extra fish must be culled immediately.
- 8) All fish must be caught on artificial lures, and anglers may only use one rod at a time. Trolling is not permitted.
- 9) Every effort should be made to keep fish alive until they are released after weigh-in. All boats must be equipped with a properly working live well with aeration.
- 10) Dead fish should never be culled. If a fish is foul hooked or accidently killed, the fish must be kept and brought to weigh-in as part of the fish limit. An 8oz. penalty will be assessed for each dead fish.
- 11) Boats that are late to weigh-in will be assessed a penalty of 1 pound per minute after the designated weigh-in time.
- 12) Tournament rankings will be based on total team weight.
- 13) If an emergency occurs, the captain or angler should call 911 first and then notify the tournament supervisor, Russell Sanford (864-906-2036).